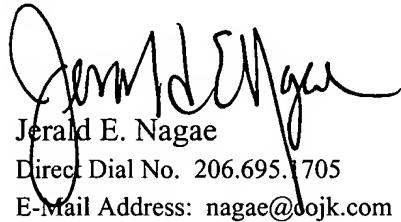


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The foregoing amendments place the claims into better format for examination.

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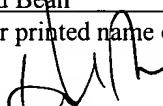


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